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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 6784

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OREP (TSONGAS, PAUL AND BONKER, DON)

SUBJ: CODEL TSONGAS/BONKER

REF: ADDIS ABABA 6763

1. MOFA HAS INQUIRED WHETHER CODEL IS BRINGING SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR PMAC CHAIRMAN MENGISTU. QUESTION MAY HAVE BEEN PROMPTED BY YESTERDAY'S VOA REPORT THAT CUBAN PREMIER CASTRO RECENTLY RECEIVED PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE VIA CODEL INTERMEDIARIES.

2. DEPT WILL RECALL THAT SIMILAR QUESTION HAS BEEN RAISED IN CONNECTION WITH OTHER VISITORS' REQUESTS TO SEE MENGISTU (NOTABLY AMB. SEELYE IN FEB.), AND THAT MOFA HAS USED LACK OF MESSAGE AS EXCUSE WHEN MEETING WITH CHAIRMAN SUBSEQUENTLY FAILED TO MATERIALIZE. EMB, THEREFORE, BELIEVES WE COULD IMPROVE CODEL'S CHANCES FOR MEETING BY PROVIDING SOME STATEMENT, PERHAPS REAFFIRMING US SUPPORT FOR OAU MEDIATION OF OGADEN CONFLICT, OAU PRINCIPLE OF TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, AND US DECISION NOT TO SUPPLY ARMS TO SOMALIA SO LONG AS FIGHTING IN OGADEN CONTINUES. THIS MIGHT ALSO PROVIDE USEFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO CONVEY DIRECTLY TO ETHIOPIAN LEADERSHIP VIEWS EXPRESSED PARA (1) (E) STATE 284106, REGARDING
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3. SINCE CODEL NOT LIKELY TO SEE MENGISTU BEFORE AFTERNOON DEC 13 IN ANY EVENT, IT WOULD SUFFICE FOR US TO BE ABLE TO ADVISE MOFA MORNING DEC 10 WHETHER MESSAGE WILL BE FORTHCOMING. ACTUAL TEXT COULD FOLLOW EARLY

NEXT WEEK. EMB OF COURSE REALIZES DEPT AND/OR
CODEL MAY NOT WISH ATTEMPT THIS LINE OF COMMUNICATION.
PLEASE ADVISE.
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